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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
MANABU KATO ) Examiner: D. Schuberg  
Appln. No.: 08/951,635 ) Group Art Unit: 2872  
Filed: October 17, 1997 )  
For: SCANNING OPTICAL APPARATUS ) March 16, 2000

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Amdt

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

J. McMiller  
3/23/W

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims ~~13-60~~ without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Please add claims 61-72 as follows: